

Connecticut Forum on Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities

Statewide Advisory Committee

In January 2008, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism and Young Audiences Arts for Learning Connecticut/*VSA arts* convened a Statewide Advisory Committee to plan the forum.

Advisory committee members represent a broad section of the arts, disability and education communities in the state. Since January, in preparation for the forum, committee members hosted five focus groups to solicit input from artists, advocates, service providers, organizations and state agencies; and disseminated an Artist Find/Call for Artists to reach out to artists.

Special thanks to all members of the Advisory Committee for their hard work and contribution!

Conveners:

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

An-Ming Truxes, Arts Division Director

Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Chair of Presenters and Speakers

Susan Murray Docker, Senior Program Associate

Statewide Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Co-Chair of Art Exhibits

Young Audiences Arts for Learning Connecticut/VSA arts

Eileen M. Carpinella, Executive Director

Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Chair of Sponsorships

Judith A. Mortensen, VSA arts Program Manager

Statewide Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Current Statewide Advisory Committee Members:

A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, University of Connecticut Medical Center

Molly Cole, Associate Director

American School For the Deaf

Audrey Garvin, Assistant Principal Jr/Sr High School

Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)

Andrew Norton, Legislative and Legal Affairs Director

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

Allyson Pequita, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

City of New Haven, Office of Cultural Affairs

Margaret Bodell, Curator and Public Art Consultant

Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Co-Chair of Art Exhibits

Connecticut Children's Museum

Sandra Malmquist, Director

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center, Inc. (CPAC)

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Connecticut Expressive Arts

Susan Rosano, Expressive Arts Specialist

Connecticut Department of Children and Families

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Connecticut Office of Protection & Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

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Jacqueline Kelleher, Ph.D., Education Consultant,

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Drumming-About-You

Bob Bloom, Artist

Eastern Connecticut State University, Visual Arts Department

Terry Lennox, Assistant Professor, Digital Arts & Design

Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Chair of PR & Marketing

National Theatre of the Deaf

Aaron Kubey, Executive Director

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Saint Joseph College, Gengras Center

Rick Alfonso, Director of Music

Saint Joseph College, The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities

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Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Chair of Venue & Event

The University of Hartford, The Hartt School

Dee Hansen, Associate Professor, Music Education

Yale Repertory Theatre

Ruth M. Feldman, Director of Education and Accessibility Services